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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of December 30, 2009, please amend the application as follows:

**Status** is on page 2.

**Summary of USPTO Fees** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments/Conclusion** begin on page 8 of this paper.

## **STATUS OF APPLICATION**

The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, 11-18 and 20-22 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-9 and 16-18 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Heath (U.S. Patent No. 5,725,570) when taken with White (U.S. Patent No. 7,331,993).

Claims 11 and 14 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Heath (U.S. Patent No. 5,725,570) when taken with White (U.S. Patent No. 7,331,993).

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Heath (U.S. Patent No. 5,725,570) when taken with White (U.S. Patent No. 7,331,993).

Claims 20-21 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Heath (U.S. Patent No. 5,725,570) when taken with White (U.S. Patent No. 7,331,993).

Claims 11 and 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meyer-Lindenberg et al. (International Patent Publication No. WO 02/100452).

Claims 12 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meyer-Lindenberg et al. (International Patent Publication No. WO 02/100452).

Claims 20-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meyer-Lindenberg et al. (International Patent Publication No. WO 02/100452).

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meyer-Lindenberg et al. (International Patent Publication No. WO 02/100452) when taken with Gellman et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0199993).

**SUMMARY OF USPTO FEES ENCLOSED HEREWITH**

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